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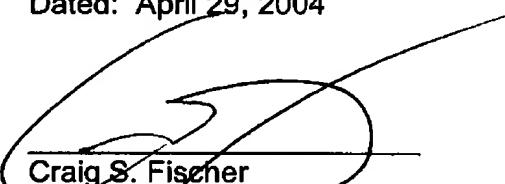
In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004, claim 18 has been amended and claims 17, 22-31 and 34-38 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-16, 18-21, 32 and 33 are now in the case. The Applicant respectfully believes that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of claims 1-16, 32, and 33. Claim 18 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 6. Claims 19-21 depend from claim 18. With the cancellation of rejected claims 17, 22-31 and 34-38 in this amendment all of the remaining claims have either been allowed or are allowable. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that subject application as amended is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this subject application to issue.

In an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of the prosecution of this application, or desires any degree of clarification of this response.

Respectfully submitted,
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